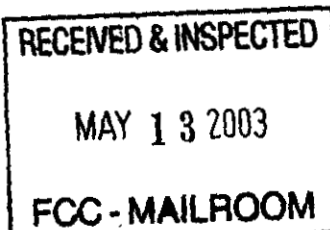


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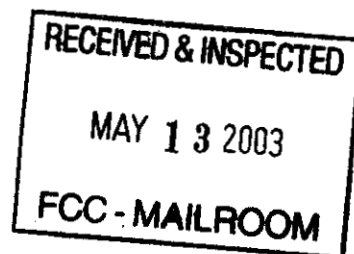
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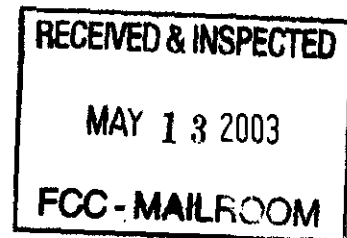
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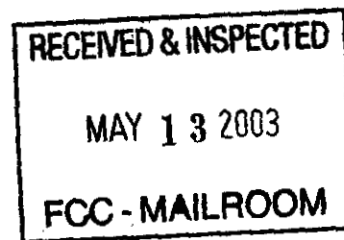
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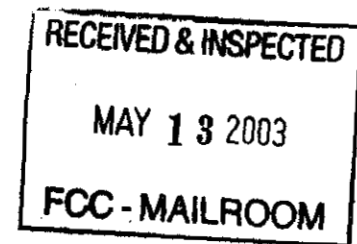
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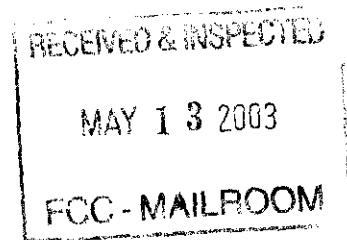
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Chairman Michael Powell  
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445 12<sup>th</sup> St, SW  
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Subject: Please Do Not Relax Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Chairman Powell:

We are writing to ask that you not relax broadcast ownership rules.

The proposed new rules would permit a few large corporations to exert much greater control on the media, and would reduce airing of divergent political views. Allowing a few corporations to control the media would abridge political speech in America, and therefore would not be in America's best interest.

Sincerely,

*Carl Johnson*

*Barbara Johnson*

Carl and Barbara Johnson



May 5, 2003

Michael K. Powell,  
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445 12th St. SW  
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Dear Chairman Powell,

It would be a terribly serious blow to democracy and freedom of expression if, under your watch, the public air waves became monopolized by a few corporate - controlled interests.

History will be the judge.

Sincerely,,

*Mary Daniel*

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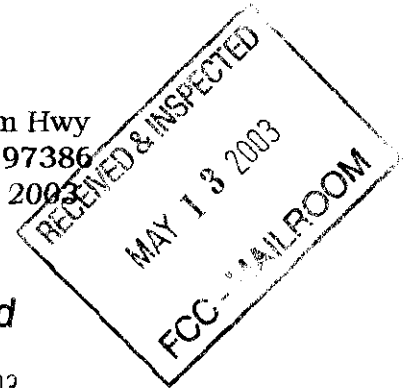
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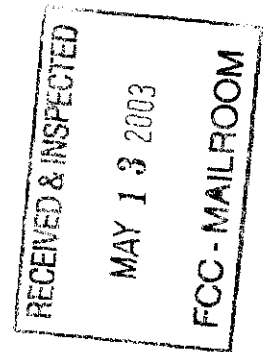
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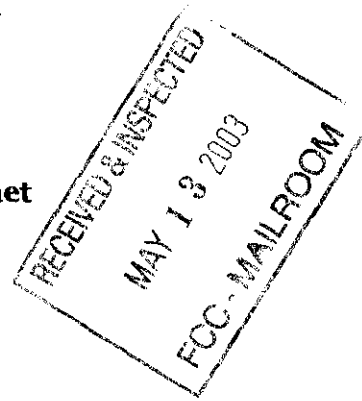
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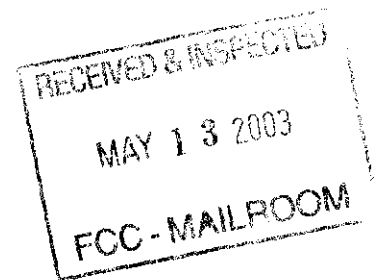
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**Patricia A. Cavender**

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May 7, 2003



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Dear Mr. Adelstein:

I strongly urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that currently forbid monopolies in the media. It is vital to freedom of speech and thought that there be more than one outlet for communication with and by the American people. To allow a monopoly to exist, condoned by the United States Government under the guise of broadcast band regulation, would be against everything that this country was founded to promote and protect.

It has historically been shown that when large corporations accumulate enough power and money to achieve a monopoly in any field, the ultimate losers are the people. It has been necessary in the past for the government to step in to break up such monopolies for the good of the country and the protection of the people. Only in the case of natural monopolies, such as the distribution of water, electric power and gas and collection of sewage, where duplication of facilities would be wasteful is a **regulated** monopoly advantageous to the public. Even then, Congress has moved in recent years to deregulate natural monopolies, albeit with poor results and unfortunate consequences.

It therefore makes little sense for you to allow media monopolies to be created in the first place.

Sincerely yours,

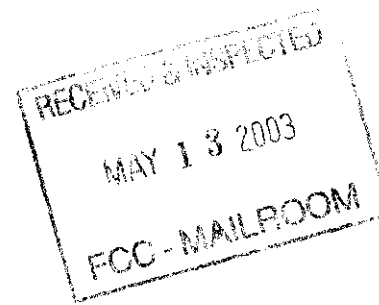
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Tuesday, May 06, 2003

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Dear Mr. Adelstein:

We understand that media corporations are lobbying the FCC to relax the broadcast ownership rules that prevent media monopolies.

It is our understanding if the proposed broadcast ownership rules are adopted our sources of news from newspaper, television stations, radio stations, and cable companies could be taken over by the larger media corporations like ABC, CBS, and NBC.

It is our feeling that the larger corporations like the ones mentioned above are using their power to keep opposing viewpoints off of the air and out of the newspapers.

The sources of news of an entire community even the entire state could be taken over by one large media corporation. This would permit them to determine which viewpoints to be allowed on the air or be published in the newspapers.

We want to hear more than one point of view on all major news items. We feel a good example of that today is Fox News, they provide a healthy debate on most major news events.

We urge the FCC to continue the broadcast ownership rules that protect us from media monopolies.

Sincerely,

*Harold L. Boots*

*Alberta M. Boots*

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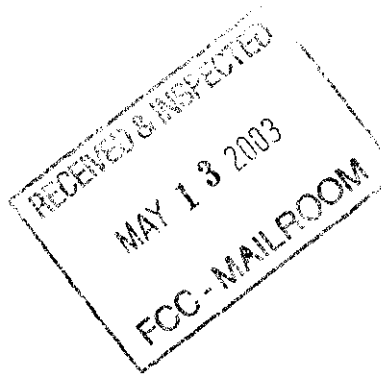
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Virginia Myhaver  
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Commissioner Martin:


I urge you most vehemently not to weaken the media-ownership rules that help preserve competition and diversity among the owners of American media. Repeal or significant modification of these rules would likely open the door to numerous mergers. This will assure that media ownership will become even more concentrated among fewer companies than it already is, and the public's ability to have open, informed discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised. Plus, it would likely result in higher costs for businesses that advertise in local media, and those costs would likely be passed on to consumers.

I am aware that Chairman Powell favors deregulation and holds the opinion that consolidation is simply a healthy trend in business, dictated by market forces. However, the relationship citizens in a democracy have with media does not compare to that which we have with other "products." The mass media shape our thoughts, decisions, and values and indeed, *should* provide the information and news we need to fully participate in our democratic society. An understanding of the profound impact the media have upon our lives and our democracy led to the establishment of the Federal Communications Commission and to its primary mission: to ensure that our airwaves are used by broadcasters in the "public interest." The emergence of cable and satellite conglomerates has proven that more channels do not translate into the diverse voices, enhanced localism, or even variety in programming which are essential to a pluralist culture and the democratic process.

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Members of Congress and the Senate have expressed concern regarding the lack of opportunity for review of proposed changes. I am aware that the Chairman has cited governmental pressure (which I suspect initially emanates from the powerful communications lobby) as a cause for the acceleration of the decision-making process. Clearly, a directive to slow the process down is now being put forth; doing so could thus be enacted without reproach. While it is within the Commission's legal domain to make changes without consulting others further, I urge you to heed this request and the public's comments. Certainly, the "public interest" is best served by informing the citizenry of the intended changes and by allowing for further public and governmental response to decisions which will likely reconfigure American media, journalism, and democracy dramatically.

Thank You,

  
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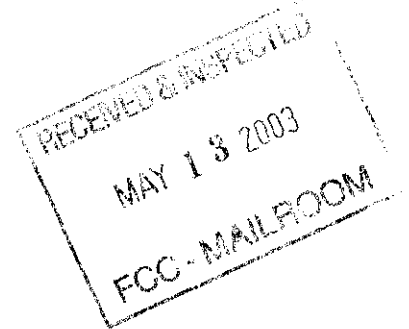
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Dear Mr. Adelstein:

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If strong monopoly restrictions are not retained, we'll soon have all our information strained through the personal perspectives of half-a-dozen media CEO's. We'll hear and see what they want us to hear and see. We'll be a bland, homogenized mass of carbon copies totally subservient to the world-view of those CEO's--or to the political party which lucks into playing its licensing power at the right time.

Your maintenance of a strong curb-bit on these media giants--by preventing their gaining excessive power--will assure that we continue to hear some independent political and social voices over our air-waves. By doing so, you will certainly help protect our First Amendment rights.

So please don't relax these broadcast media ownership rules.

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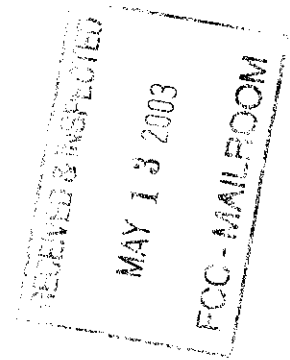
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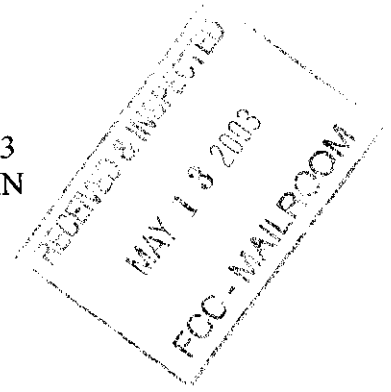
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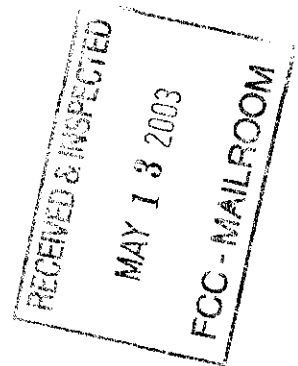
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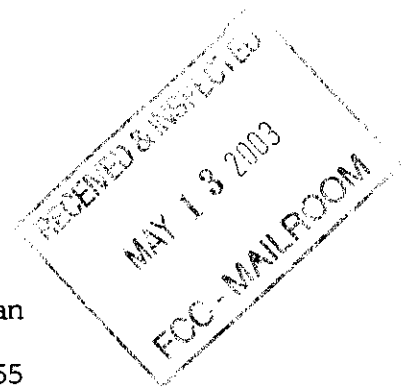
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If strong monopoly restrictions are not retained, we'll soon have all our information strained through the personal perspectives of half-a-dozen media CEO's. We'll hear and see what they want us to hear and see. We'll be a bland, homogenized mass of carbon copies totally subservient to the world-view of those CEO's--or to the political party which lucks into playing its licensing power at the right time.

Your maintenance of a strong curb-bit on these media giants--by preventing their gaining excessive power--will assure that we continue to hear some independent political and social voices over our air-waves. By doing so, you will certainly help protect our First Amendment rights.

So please don't relax these broadcast media ownership rules.

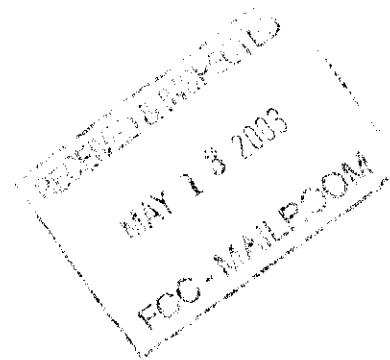
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The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein  
Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Adelstein:

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. And many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Sincerely,

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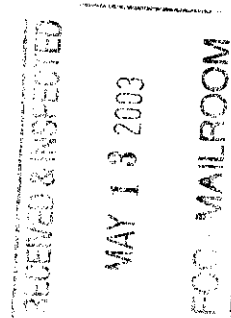
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May 5, 2003



The Honorable Kevin J. Martin  
Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Martin:

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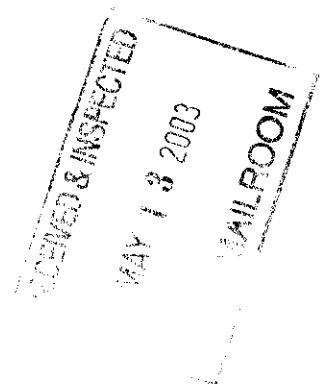
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May 4, 2003

RE: Broadcast ownership rules

To: Federal Communications Commission Commissioners; Ms. Abernathy, Mr. Copps,  
Mr. Adelstein, Mr. Martin and Chairman Powell

Dear Sirs and Madam,

I am very concerned about the chance of a monopoly developing in the area of broadcast media. The information filtered down to Americans by large media conglomerates is one-sided enough without giving them unfair advantage. It is difficult for the small grassroots American to have their voice heard as it is, DO NOT make it impossible! I would like to see tougher restrictions on the number of broadcast station one conglomerate could own.

One of the corner stones that makes this nation great is our first amendment right to free speech, it will do us little good if the FCC rules in such a way to make it impossible for the voice opposing "big media and friends" to be heard on a nation-wide broadcast.

Make the right choice, all Americans should have a voice.

Sincerely,

Mary Forseth

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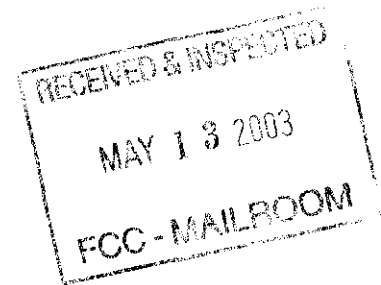
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The Honorable Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Abernathy:

I strongly urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that currently forbid monopolies in the media. It is vital to freedom of speech and thought that there be more than one outlet for communication with and by the American people. To allow a monopoly to exist, condoned by the United States Government under the guise of broadcast band regulation, would be against everything that this country was founded to promote and protect.

It has historically been shown that when large corporations accumulate enough power and money to achieve a monopoly in any field, the ultimate losers are the people. It has been necessary in the past for the government to step in to break up such monopolies for the good of the country and the protection of the people. Only in the case of natural monopolies, such as the distribution of water, electric power and gas and collection of sewage, where duplication of facilities would be wasteful is a **regulated** monopoly advantageous to the public. Even then, Congress has moved in recent years to deregulate natural monopolies, albeit with poor results and unfortunate consequences.

It therefore makes little sense for you to allow media monopolies to be created in the first place.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia A. Cavender".

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